

**TOPIC: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY  
AND ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY DEGREES WITH  
DESIGNATION AT COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE**

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**I. SUMMARY**

This item recommends approval of Colorado Mountain College's Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Geography and A.A. in Philosophy degrees with designation, to go along with the Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements in Geography and Philosophy approved by the Commission at its September 4, 2014 meeting.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Colorado Mountain College may offer two-year degree programs with or without academic designation, pursuant to §23-71-123(3), C.R.S. Department staff worked extensively with 2- and 4-year faculty and the General Education (GE) Council in developing the Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements in Geography and Philosophy, which include the A.A. in Geography and the A.A. in Philosophy.

**III. STAFF ANALYSIS**

The proposed A.A. degrees with academic designation in Geography and Philosophy fit Colorado Mountain College's statutory role and mission, meet gtPathways requirements, and were approved by Colorado Mountain College's Board of Trustees at its September 8, 2014 meeting.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff recommends that the Commission approve Colorado Mountain College's proposed Associate of Arts degrees with academic designation in Geography and Philosophy.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

C.R.S. § 23-71-123. Duties of board of trustees - degrees

(3) A junior college may offer a two-year degree program with or without academic designation. Before a junior college offers a two-year degree program with academic designation, as authorized by this subsection (3), the junior college shall determine the program designation for the degree. The junior college shall then submit the degree program designation to the board of trustees for its review and approval. The junior college may offer the degree program only after it has been approved by the board of trustees and by the Colorado commission on higher education. The junior college shall exclusively use the degree program designation name in official publications, course catalogs, diplomas, and official transcripts.